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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT - AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, PACIFIC
ISLANDS AFFAIRS

1. AUSTRALIAN PREMIERS INVADE US. TWO-THIRDS OF
AUSTRALIA'S PREMIERS ARE VISITING THE US IN MAY.
DOUG LOWE OF TASMANIA IS IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK FOLLOWING
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STOPOVERS IN LOS ANGELES AND ATLANTA. HE MET WITH
EVELYN COLBERT IN THE DEPARTMENT AND WITH COMMERCE,
TREASURY, LABOR AND AFL-CIO OFFICIALS. (HE IS ON HIS WAY
TO THE ILO MEETING.) ON MAY 9 HE LUNCHEDED WITH LANDON
BUTLER AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND MET INFORMALLY WITH
CONGRESSMAN WOLFF'S HIRC SUBCOMMITTEE. NEVILLE WRAN
OPENED THE NEW SOUTH WALES CENTER IN LOS ANGELES LAST

WEEK AND IS ALSO DOING SOME SPADEWORK AMONG POTENTIAL INVESTORS IN NEW YORK. DON DUNSTAN OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA WILL BE IN WASHINGTON MAY 10 AND 11 ON A PRIVATE VISIT. SIR CHARLES COURT, PREMIER OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA WILL BE IN THE US LATER IN THE MONTH, PRIMARILY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MINERAL AND OIL AND GAS COMMUNITIES. WE ARE ARRANGING A MEETING FOR HIM WITH STEVE BOSWORTH. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. MEETING ON DISPUTED ISLANDS. EA/ANP MET ON MAY 8 WITH THE GEOGRAPHER AND REPRESENTATIVES OF OES AND L TO PLAN

NEXT STEPS ON THE DISPUTED ISLAND ISSUE. WE HAVE HEARD INFORMALLY THAT DOD MAY NO LONGER BE INTERESTED IN THE FACILITIES ON CANTON ISLAND AND THEREFORE MAY BE WILLING TO HAVE THE US RENOUNCE CLAIMS TO ALL THE DISPUTED ISLANDS. (WE ARE PRESSING DOD FOR ITS LONG OVERDUE POSITION.) A NEW IMPEDIMENT TO SUCH A MOVE, HOWEVER, IS THE CONCERN OF THE US FISHERIES INTERESTS, WHO ARE NOW URGING US TO RETAIN OUR CLAIMS GIVEN THE FACT THAT EVEN SMALL GUANO ISLANDS CAN HAVE 200-MILE FISHING ZONES DRAWN AROUND THEM. WE HAVE AGREED TO BRIEF THE WESTERN PACIFIC FISHERIES COUNCIL AT THEIR NEXT MEETING IN PAGO PAGO. WE WILL TAKE THE LINE THAT OUR POSITION IS NOT IRONED OUT BUT THAT WE WILL TAKE FISHING INTERESTS INTO ACCOUNT. WE WILL POINT OUT THAT OUR CLAIMS TO THE ISLANDS ARE WEAK AND THAT TO PRESS THEM AGAINST SMALL

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SOUTH PACIFIC COUNTRIES MAY ENDANGER OUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEW SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES AGENCY AND MAY MILITATE AGAINST US FISHING INTERESTS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING. EVELYN COLBERT AND EA/ANP MET WITH S/S ON MAY 4 TO ARRANGE FOR AN S/S TASKING PAPER TO GO OUT FOR THE ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 7 AND 8. WE ARE NOW PREPARING A MEMORANDUM REQUESTING THAT COOPER BE PRESENT AT OR CHAIR THE MORNING MEETING OF JUNE 8 WHICH IS DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO ECONOMIC MATTERS. AS IT STANDS NOW, THE SECRETARY WILL CHAIR THE OPENING MEETING ON JUNE 7, WITH THE DEPUTY SECRETARY CHAIRING THE AFTERNOON SESSION. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. UN TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL SESSION. THE 45TH UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL SESSION WILL BEGIN ON MAY 15 IN NEW YORK AND IS EXPECTED TO LAST BETWEEN 10 AND 14 DAYS. THE US DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY STONEY COOKS, AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT. THE DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, AMBASSADOR ROSENBLATT, TTPI HIGH COMMISSIONER WINKEL, INTERIOR'S RUTH VAN CLEVE, USUN, IO AND L REPRESENTATIVES, AND FROM THE BUREAU

BILL BODDE (EA/ANP) AS WELL AS EIGHT MICRONESIANS REPRESENTING THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. PALAU AND THE MARSHALL ISLANDS REPRESENTATIVES WILL APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNCIL AS PETITIONERS.

WE DO NOT EXPECT A PARTICULARLY STORMY SESSION IN LIGHT OF THE APRIL 9 HILO AGREEMENT WHICH ALL PARTIES SIGNED AS AN AGREED SET OF PRINCIPLES FOR A FREE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT. THERE MAY BE SOME CRITICAL STATEMENTS ABOUT THE BIKINI SITUATION, BUT NOW THAT THE US RADIOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE BIKINI ATOLL IS FINALLY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 6 A LOT OF THE STEAM SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THIS ISSUE. (LOU)

5. SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES AGENCY. AN OES/L
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TEAM HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A SWING THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH PACIFIC TO BRIEF OTHER GOVERNMENT ON OUR VIEWS REGARDING THE REGIONAL FISHERIES AGENCY. THE HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ISSUE IS STILL UNRESOLVED, AND A NEW PROBLEM FACING THE NEGOTIATOR MAY BE FIJI'S GROWING RELUCTANCE TO HAVE ANY AGENCY AT ALL. THE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN SUVA ON JUNE 5. AMB. JOHN CONDON AND BILL BODDE WILL BE ON OUR DELEGATION. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. SOLOMON ISLANDS. ON MAY 9 WE RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO THE SOLOMON ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS FROM THE BRITISH EMBASSY. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SENATOR KENNEDY'S OFFICE (AS IS MARC GINSBERG, BEN READ'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT) AND WE ARE WAITING FOR FIRM INFORMATION ON HOW LARGE A GROUP THE SENATOR WOULD LIKE TO TAKE TO HONIARA. AS SOON AS WE HAVE MORE INFORMATION WE WILL GO OUT WITH A TELEGRAM TO PORT MORESBY AND CINCPAC. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)
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NOTE BY OC/T: POUCHED AMCONSULS PERTH, BRISBANE, AUCKLAND AND CINCPAC FOR POLAD.

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